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REV. HENRY B. MASTER, D.D., LL.D.
MODERATORWITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.January twentieth,
1957.Mr. George F. Lingermeier,
15 Undercliff Road,
Millburn, N.J.

My dear Mr. Lingermeier:

I have your letter of January 18th to Dr. Master, which has been received in his absence. I am sorry to say that Dr. Master is now on the Pacific Coast and moving from place to place. I am very much afraid that it would not be possible for us to send your letter out to him and receive his reply back in time to be of service to you, but I would suggest that you ask Dr. Lewis S. Hodge, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to send this word of greeting to your Church on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver T. Bender

RBD:B

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 20, 1957

Mr. George F. Lingerman,
15 Undercliff Road,
Millburn, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Lingerman:

I have just received your letter of January 18th. I am very sorry indeed to learn of the great sorrow which has come to your church in the loss of its pastor. I knew him quite well as he was one of my classmates in the Theological Seminary. It is, therefore, a special privilege to accede to your suggestion and forward you herewith a word of greeting to be presented in connection with the Centennial Anniversary of your church.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



Lewis S. Mudge,
Stated Clerk.

LSM/H

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To the Congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church,
Clinton, Belmont and Madison Avenues,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Brethren:

It is an honor and a privilege to have a share in the Centennial celebration of your church. One hundred years is not a long time across the sea, but one hundred years is indeed an extended period in our American life. A century ago our national government was hardly out of its infancy and was none too well established in prestige and power.

In the ecclesiastical realm those were days of uncertainty and discord. Those who laid the foundations, therefore, of the life and work in your congregation, were men of courage and faith. They builded even better than they knew and through all the intervening years your church has increasingly served the community around it as well as the cause of Christ at large. It is not, however, the chief purpose of a centennial celebration to dwell upon the past or even to take well justified satisfaction in the present. The future summons you to renewed consecration and even more devoted and unselfish service than any accomplished in the past.

May the services associated with your anniversary bring to your congregation ever increasing confidence in the one and only Lord and Savior, in the divinely appointed mission of His Church and in the special honor and privilege which those of us who are Presbyterians have in maintaining unimpaired our historic Confession of Faith and in loyally cooperating in the operation of our old, but ever new Form of Government.

With heartiest congratulations upon the notable accomplishments of the past and with prayerful good wishes for the continued growth, spiritually and temporally, of your congregation, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge
Lewis S. Mudge,
Stated Clerk,
of the
General Assembly.

LSM/B

WILLIAM HIRSH FOULKES
OLE FIRST CHURCH
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

January 25, 1937

To the officers and members of
Central Presbyterian Church and S.S.,
Newark, N. J.

Dear friends;

The rounding out of 100 full years is an event of no mean significance in the life of any institution. There is a real halo about it when it marks the record of the Christian Church.

The Board of Foreign Missions of our Church is also celebrating its centennial this year. In the case of the Board, we have the Presbyterian Church at large, in the case of Central Church, an individual congregation; neither is more important than the other, each depends upon the other.

Who is wise enough to write the history of the last one hundred years? In God's Book of Remembrance, however, a faithful record is kept and one can only imagine the list of devoted officers and members and faithful pastors who have made the record of Central Church so noble and enduring. Although your centennial is being celebrated under the shadow of a great sorrow and loss, I bid you look forward to the days and years ahead and to believe that our Lord has a continuing task for you and that as in the past, so in the future, His guiding hand will be upon your helm.

With sincere fraternal regards,

Faithfully yours,

William Hiram Foulkes
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Moderator of the Synod of N. J.

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STATED CLERK
REV. CORRIE J. CULP, Ph.D., D.D.
55 BAYARD STREET, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

January 27th, 1937.

Mr. George P. Lingerman,
13 Undercliff Road,
Millburn, N. J.

My dear Mr. Lingerman:-

I understand that your Church, the Central Presbyterian of Newark, and its Sunday School will celebrate next Sunday the 100th Anniversary of their founding. Will you kindly extend to your Church and Sunday School the warm greetings and hearty congratulations of the Synod of New Jersey?

We all share with you the great sorrow in the loss of your beloved pastor whose untimely passing will cast a shadow over your celebration and yet, I am confident that he would have you go on with it just as you are.

I am sure that in extending to your Church and Sunday School the good wishes of the Synod, I am representing both the desire and the interest of all the churches within its bounds.

Your Church has rendered a distinguished service in the building of the Kingdom of God and may God continue to bless your efforts and guide you all to a greater service in the future.

Yours cordially,

Corrie J. Culp

Stated Clerk, Synod of
New Jersey.

Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair
Summit and Norwood Avenues
Upper Montclair, N. J.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMSON
MODERATOR

January 22 1937

Mr. George F. Lingerian
Central Presbyterian Church
377 Clinton Ave.
Newark, N.J.

My dear Mr. Lingerian:

I have your request of Jan. 19th for a Message as Moderator to your Church in its celebration of the one hundredeth anniversary of its founding, and am glad to respond as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Central Presbyterian Church of Newark: Greetings and heartiest congratulations upon the attainment of one hundred years of life and service for Our Lord and Master, who is the Great Head of the Church. It is a mark of man's high origin and destiny that he can and does commemorate events in his onward progress. It is his peculiar attribute among all living creatures. In no other faculty does he rise higher than in the discernment of the meaning of life, and therefore his proper celebration of its great decisions and accomplishments. The history of God's Redemption is replete with epoch making events and persons. The Church of His love and purpose has ever commemorated the signal marks of His visitation in human history. The exodus, the possession of the promised land, The Temple Dedication and the restoration from the exile were celebrated in anniversary observances. The birthday of our Lord, His loving sacrifice, resurrection, and the descent of His Spirit at Pentecost are memorial institutions in His Church today.

While you then mark today the passing of a century, the great material transformations in a community and a great city and the growth and service of this local church, you are doing far more. You are lifting your hearts in praise and humble dedication and petition to the Great Head of the Church, in recognition of the fact that His Purpose from eternity to form one unending Universal Church, is being realized and that you are privileged to share in that Divine Enterprise. The words of the Psalmist apply. "Yea of Zion it shall be said; this one and that one was born in her; and the Most High Himself shall establish her. Jehovah will count, when he writeth up the peoples, This one was born there". Ps. 87:5,6.

We greet you in the Lord, and pray his richest blessing upon your continued life and service.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert C. Williamson

Moderator of Newark Presbytery.